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LOK SABHA

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FIRE IN FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to frequent forest fires in western ghats of Maharashtra in the wildlife sancturies of Chandoli and Koyana wildlife is under threat; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to prevent such forest fires in the region?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) & (b) The incidences of forest fires in Chandoli and Koyana wildlife sanctuaries are rare.However, to prevent forest fires in these sanctuaries, regular fire prevention and control measures are undertaken and intensity of patrolling in vulnerable areas during summer season is increased by stepping up the mobility of field staff in the region.